

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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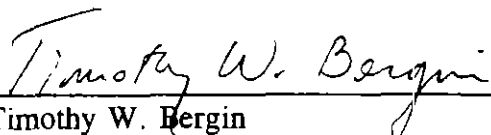
POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 1997

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Docket No. R97-1

**THE MCGRAW-HILL COMPANIES' INITIAL INTERROGATORIES
DIRECTED TO USPS WITNESS SECKAR (MH/USPS-T26-1-2)**

Pursuant to the Commission's rules of practice, sections 25-27, The
McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. submits the following interrogatories to United States
Postal Service witness Paul G. Seckar.

Respectfully submitted,

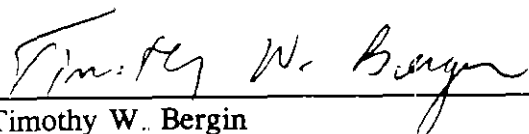


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document in
accordance with Section 12 of the rules of practice.



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September 17, 1997

MH/USPS-T26-1. With reference to the requirement (DMM E240, adopted after MC95-1) that to be eligible for automation rates, all pieces in a Periodicals mailing must bear an accurate ZIP + 4 barcode (or delivery point barcode), please explain how this requirement has affected the efficiency of handling and processing flats that previously were permitted to be commingled in an automation flat-Periodicals mailing (so long as they bore an accurate 5-digit barcode).

MH/USPS-T26-2. With reference to your tables III-2 and III-3, please explain the factors that cause the unit volume variable mail processing costs for Periodicals Regular mail to be substantially higher than the unit volume variable mail processing costs for Periodicals Nonprofit mail.